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1. South Vietnam

The central committee of the Viet Cong's Liberation Front has issued its first substantive comment on the US peace initiative. The full text is not yet available. A summary suggests, however, that it is as defiant and unyielding as yesterday's statement from Hanoi.

After listing a number of "US crimes," the statement characterized the US peace moves as "deceitful" and designed to cover up efforts to expand the war. It declared that the front will not permit the US to "make the cessation of bombings in the north conditional upon the South Vietnamese people laying down their arms." The statement concluded with a pledge to "fight to the end to defeat US imperialism."

2. North Vietnam

We have received no authoritative comment from Hanoi today.

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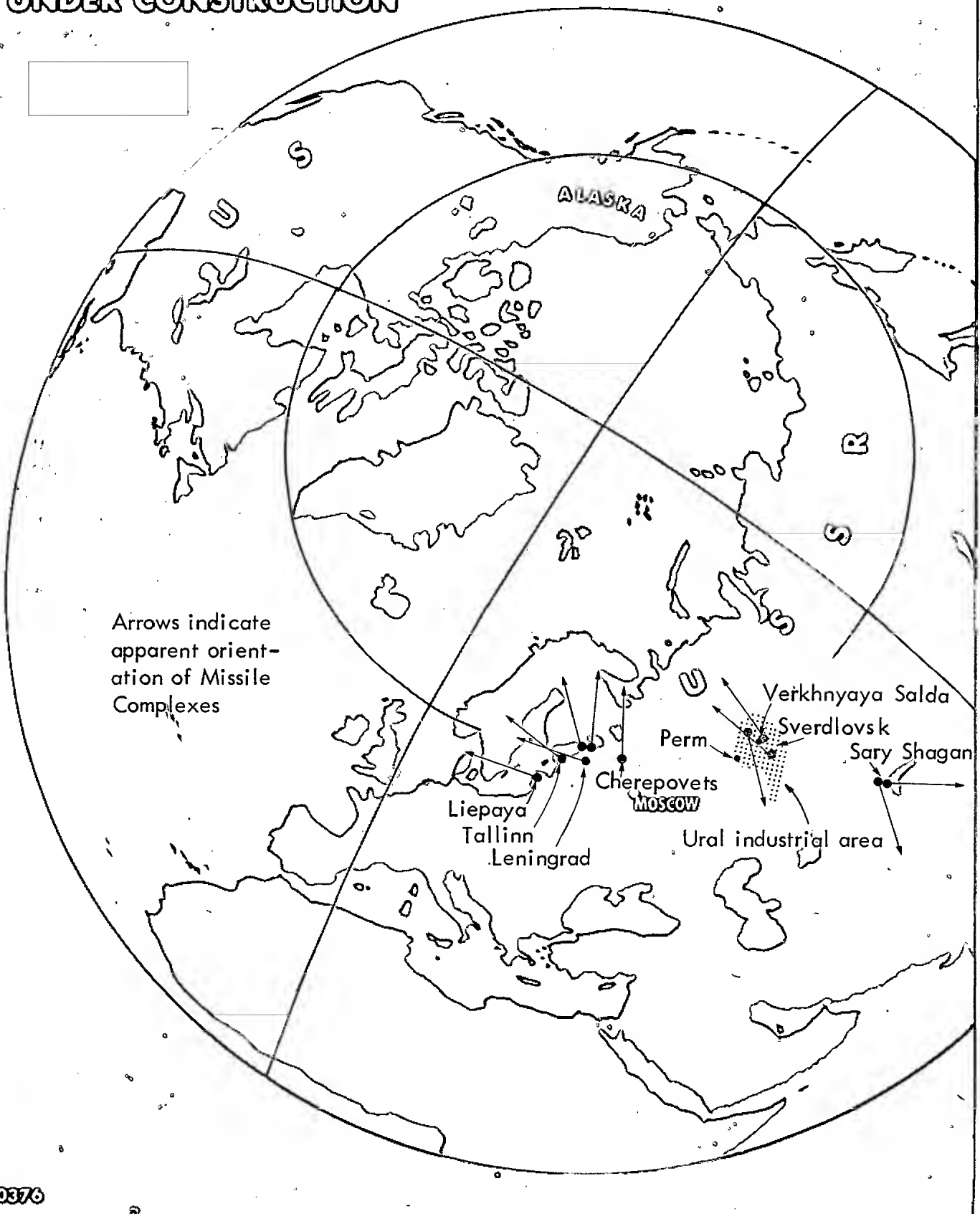
3. Soviet Union - Vietnam

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NEW DEFENSIVE MISSILE INSTALLATIONS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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4. Soviet Union

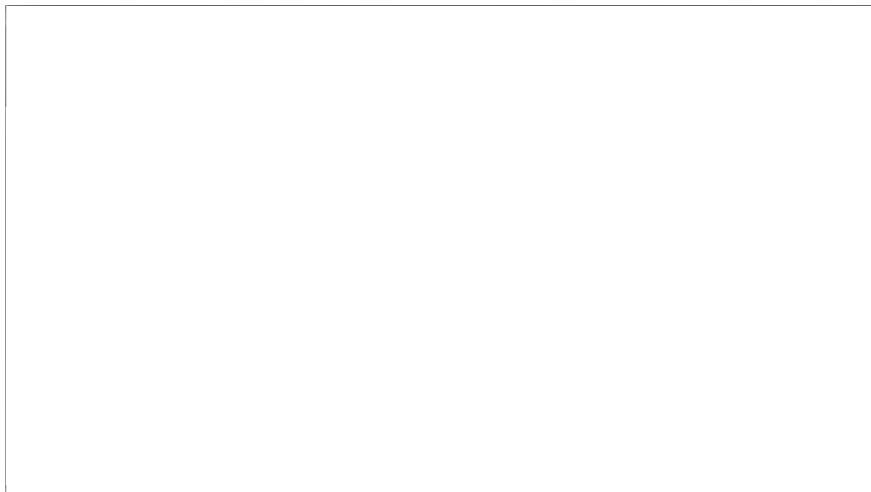
Satellite photography of late December shows that the Soviet Union's new defensive missile system which is being deployed in barrier fashion across the northwestern part of the country, and in modified form at Sary Shagan, is also being installed in the vital Sverdlovsk industrial area. These complexes are believed to be intended for defense against bombers and air-to-surface missiles, but the possibility that they are part of an anti-ballistic missile system cannot be discounted.

The three launch complexes at Sverdlovsk are still in an early stage of construction. Three six-position launch sites have been detected at each complex. Two more may be added later to form the standard five-site configuration. The Sverdlovsk complexes are relatively close together, indicating that they are for local rather than barrier defense.

In time, the missile deployment at Sverdlovsk could evolve into a defense network of the entire Urals industrial area.

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5. Japan



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6. Dominican Republic

There is still no movement of key military leaders out of the country. If the impasse continues, Garcia Godoy may resign.

At this point, the rebel leaders refuse to leave unless the armed forces leaders do. The latter, however, say that this would only be a sop to the leftists.

Leftist extremists, in turn, are again calling for a general strike.

Com-munist groups are also planning to provoke incidents involving the military and the Inter-American Peace Force.

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Leading members of Bosch's party have now withdrawn their support from the president's compromise plan. They are also threatening to withdraw from the election race.

7. Bolivia

The resignation of Barrientos yesterday is likely to bring a period of acute political instability.

Barrientos says he took this action in order to comply with the constitutional requirement that presidential candidates resign from office six months before elections.

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General Ovando now takes over as sole head of the junta. He is likely to make an all-out effort to strengthen his power position while Barrientos is absent from the country for several weeks on a rest cure.

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8. Nigeria

Outbreaks of rioting and other violence which have plagued the Western Region of Nigeria for the past three months could lead to a general breakdown of law and order.

Defiance of authority began in mid-October when the highly unpopular regional government rigged its own re-election. Since that time some 400 people are believed to have been killed. Last weekend, cars driven by Americans and Britishers were attacked for the first time.

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Behind the rioting is a basic struggle between progressive non-Muslim southerners and traditionalist Muslim northerners who control the central government. The northerners support the hated regime in the Western Region and will probably try to maintain it by continuing to send in federal troops and police.

9. Soviet Union

[redacted] suggests that one or more TASS representatives are attempting to reach Hanoi soon. This could be part of Shelepin's entourage

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[redacted] he will arrive in Hanoi by the end of this week.

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[redacted] the press representatives were attempting to reach Hanoi without passing through China, which would be their normal route. There is still no information on flight schedules for Shelepin himself.

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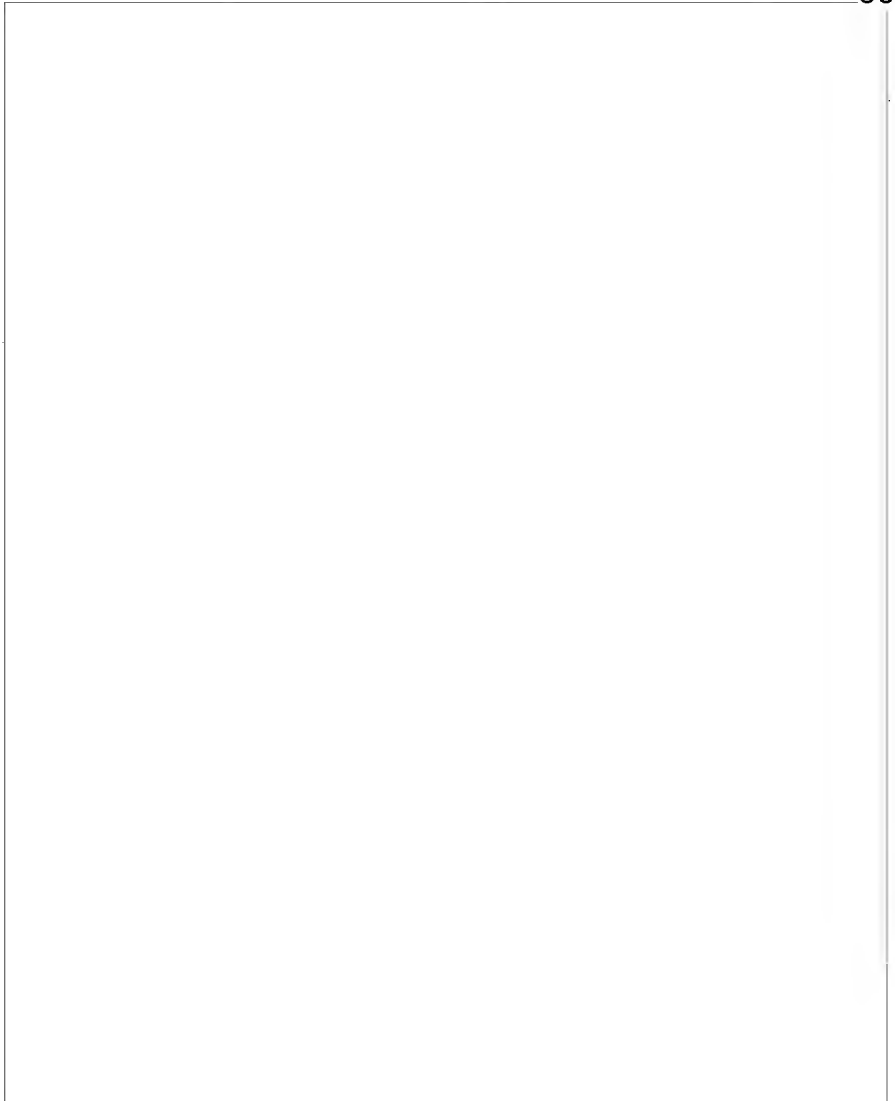
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10. Rhodesia

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